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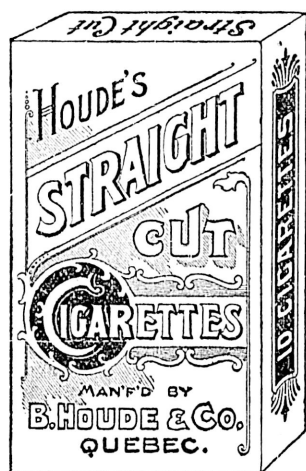
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HERBERT CUTHBERT,
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Boers Chafe At Delay.

Methuen's Long Halt at Modder River Seriously Affects Their Plans.

Since His Presence Protects Kimberley British General Content to Wait.

While Enemy Run Short of Supplies and Must Leave or Force Action.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 22.—In spite of the delay of Gen. Methuen in advancing he is regarded as largely the master of the situation and his entrenched position is believed to be unassailable. In the event of the Boers attacking Kimberley Gen. Methuen would be enabled to make a counter move with his artillery and cavalry, consequently such a movement on the part of the Boers, it is said, is not contemplated. It is apparently therefore that to "make haste slowly" is the true policy at present. In accordance with Gen. Methuen's dictum, the army should not advance faster than the slowest ox wagon.

A despatch from Capetown dated Sunday, December 17, says that Gen. Methuen's primary object in crossing the Modder River appears to have been to establish sound communication with Kimberley, which is believed to be still on full rations. The water in the mines is plentiful.

On the other hand, in spite of their usual tactics it is considered probable that the Boers have been compelled to assume the offensive, the commander having arranged for the disposition of forces, and anticipating difficulty in maintaining

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food supplies in the present position. Moreover, it is said there is a growing desire among the Free Staters to return home which is testified to on many sides and may tend to precipitate an action.

COMMISSIONS FOR CANADIANS.

Imperial Government Sends Invitations to Graduates of the Royal Military College.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Governor-General has received a despatch from the war office, offering commissions in the British army to graduates of the Royal Military College not already engaged in the Imperial service, and recommended by the minister of militia. Out of 203 graduates, 102 are now in the army.

Volunteering For Africa.

Military Centres in the East All Report a Rush of Applications.

Officers' Names Not Yet Announced—Cavalry Reserved For Col. Evans.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The list of officers of the second contingent is not yet completed, and the minister makes no announcement.

The transport Montezuma arrived at New Orleans to-day and left immediately for Halifax.

The Mounted Rifles will be armed with 303 rifles, no carbines. It is feared that not enough police will be forthcoming, as nearly all the unmarried constables are in Yukon.

It is reported that Mr. Tarte is insisting that parliament must be called before the departure of the second contingent.

Kingston, Dec. 22.—Col. Kison left for Toronto to-day, under instructions from Ottawa to organize the cavalry for South Africa, and take charge of the force until Lieut.-Col. Evans' arrival from Yukon.

The non-commissioned officers of the 16th Field Battery received notice this morning from Major Kent to hold themselves in readiness for South African service. Five hundred Lee-Netford rifles have been shipped from the stores here to Ottawa.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—There is the greatest activity in military circles here, consequent on receipt of a despatch to prepare to receive recruits for the second African contingent. Nearly all the Dragoons have offered themselves.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Over three hundred men have offered their services to Capt. Williams, D. O. C., for enlistment in Canada's second contingent.

PATRIOTISM AT NELSON.

Fourteen Hundred Dollars Given at Concert in Aid of Mansion House Fund.

Nelson, Dec. 22.—Unbounded patriotic enthusiasm was displayed here at the smoking concert in aid of the Mansion House fund. The large opera house was packed to the doors and cheering was almost continuous throughout the progress of the long programme. The singing of the "Absent-Minded Beggar" was greeted with such a storm of gold and silver that the singer had to flee from the stage.

One enthusiastic miner wrapped a large bill around a piece of ore and throwing it at the stage inflicted a nasty scalp wound on the gentleman who was playing the accompaniment to the song. Merchants donated articles which were sold at auction and brought fine prices. Bottles of beer went at over ten dollars each, and two tiny flags, the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes, worth not more than five cents each, brought \$15. Turkeys were disposed of for \$7 and \$8 and cigars at 50 cents each. Never was such loyalty displayed in the Kootenays and as a result the Mansion House fund will be increased by \$1,400 as Nelson's contribution.

BOERS ALLEGE CRUELITIES.

To Circulate Manifesto With Object of Securing Some Sympathy in Europe.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A committee has been formed to draw up a protest against cruelties alleged to have been committed by the British in South Africa. A manifesto will be passed to the people of England and the Continent, rehearsing its stances.

Incidents Of Tugela.

Lord Roberts' Son Met His Death in Attempt to Save Abandoned Guns.

Which Seem to Have Fallen Into Enemy's Possession Very Shortly Afterwards.

Desperate But Hopeless Fighting of British Isolated in Retreat.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 23.—(4:40 a. m.)—Belated South African despatches throw no light upon the present situation at the seat of war. There is no confirmation of the report that Ladysmith could hold out several weeks longer, and it is feared this report is circulated by the Boers for their own purposes. It is hoped that Mr. Winston Churchill, having arrived safely at Delagoa Bay, will soon be heard from regarding the condition of the Transvaal, as he must have obtained much important information.

A Capetown despatch dated Sunday, December 17, reports that Commandant Diedericks, of the Boer forces, was killed in a recent engagement, but no details are given.

Advisers from Naauwpoort describe everything as quiet there, and the only fresh news from Arandsp. concerns the weather, which is excessively hot.

The Daily Telegraph has a special from Chieveley, dated December 16, which tells how Lieut. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, fell at Tugela river. It says: "The horses of the 14th and 80th batteries had been killed, and Lieut. Roberts, Capt. Schofield and Capt. Congreve, of the Rifles, attempted with gunner volunteers to drag out the guns. Capt. Schofield succeeded, helped by a corporal and some men.

"Lieut. Roberts was hit badly by a shell. Capt. Congreve, Capt. Foster and Major Baptie brought Lieut. Roberts from the open into a little ravine, where he lay hidden from the enemy's terrible fire.

"Fourteen gunners and fourteen men of the Devonshire Regiment were with Col. Bullock when the retirement was ordered. Three men, with isolated parties of the Devonshires and Scots Fusiliers, together with some of the Queen's, were cut off and captured. Many fought until late in the afternoon, a part of the Irishmen running the gauntlet of the Boer Mausers from hiding places along the river bank.

"At 5 p. m. 40 Boers approached the ten abandoned guns. On seeing Col. Bullock, Capt. Congreve and the others in the ravine, they called upon the British to surrender. Col. Bullock declined and threatened to shoot, although his party only had one rifle. The Boers retired and a party entered. Then 100 rode up to within a few yards of the party, but Col. Bullock swore he would not be taken a prisoner, whereupon a Boer knocked him down with his rifle butt.

"Afterwards the enemy gave our wounded water and cordials. Then having taken all their arms, ammunition and field glasses, they left them return by our ambulances. Col. Bullock, Col. Hunt, Major Walter and Capt. Goodwyn were taken prisoners. The Scots Fusiliers lost nearly two companies captured."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Chieveley, dated December 15, estimated the casualties in Gen. Buller's repulse as 1,150, including 332 missing. It is announced that "a portion of the British troops have returned to Frere."

Chieveley, Natal, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The camp, which was pitched to the left of the position taken up by the unit, is being entrained for Pietermaritzburg. Most of the wounds are in the arms or legs. Doctor Treves is operating on the wounded. Sir Wm. McCormack, attended at the railway platform, and several assistant surgeons are giving every attention.

AGITATING IN NEW YORK.

Enemies of the British Make Arrangements for Display of Sympathy with Boers.

New York, Dec. 22.—A pro-Boer meeting was held last night in the Morton House, which according to the Sun, was attended by "few descendants of the Dutch and Germans, many descendants of the Irish and a few plain ordinary Americans." Resolutions of sympathy with the Boers were introduced and discussion followed on almost every subject from the war to the tariff. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to arrange a mass meeting on a large scale, to show their sympathy for the Boers.

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BRIAR PIPES.
IN SHOW WINDOWS.
AT HARRY SALMON'S
THE CORNER.

Too Strong For Direct Assault.

Boer Trenches Wide, Deep and Casemated—Treacherous Guides Again.

Artillery Officer's Terrible Blunder—British Nobility Heading the Volunteers.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 22.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Modder River, under date of December 17, describing the changes in the art of warfare, says: "It would be almost impossible to take such a position as Magerfontein by assault. The modern battle, owing to the length of rifle range, will last six days where formerly it would only have lasted a few hours."

"The Boer trenches which are rather like underground dwellings than trenches, always provide a safe means of retreat. They are very wide and deep and are casemated at intervals, allowing the concentration of defenders at any given point, without danger to themselves."

"The British here are anxious that the Boers should attack them and the belief is prevalent that treachery is largely responsible for the underestimation placed on the Boer forces by the cavalry counts."

AN AWFUL BLUNDER.

The Cavalry correspondent of the Standard, who attributes the whole disaster involved in Col. Buller's repulse to the mistake of Col. Long, in taking the artillery too close to the river, says: "Col. Long fired for 30 minutes and simply exhausted his ammunition."

SUPPLYING THE ENEMY.

Owing to the gravity of the situation, the war office officials will not permit their duties during the Christmas holidays. The war office has issued an official warning against British subjects, or foreigners in British territory, trading with or supplying the Boer Republic either directly or indirectly with any kind of merchandise whatsoever. This is regarded as showing that the government has good evidence of the existence of such traffic, and that even some English firms have been supplying the enemy, perhaps unintentionally through foreign consignees.

VOLUNTEERING ALL ROUND.

It is announced that two battalions of Guards will be included in the eighth division. Lord Kitchener will join Lord Roberts at Gibeon.

The Earl of Erroll, hereditary Lord High constable of Scotland, will accompany the commander-in-chief on special service.

The Earl of Derby is raising a corps of Volunteers in Lancashire.

Mr. Victor Christian (Camden), member of parliament for West Derbyshire, and her apparent to the Duke of Devonshire, has volunteered to go to the front.

DANGER OF REBELLION.

The Cape town correspondent of the Times under date of December 17, says: "The Boer fighting line is very thin and a single British success might crumble it completely. The real danger, however, is not the military situation, but the likelihood of a Dutch rebellion, which would make the area of war so vast that an additional 50,000 men would be easily swallowed up in maintaining the enormous length of British communications."

WAS BULLER TOO SURE?

Referring to the tardy acceptance of assistance from local forces, the correspondent says: "Colon Buller undoubtedly at the beginning displayed a certain self-sufficient unwillingness to accept local advice and assistance which events rapidly modified."

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE.

The following despatch has been received from Lorenzo Marques under date of December 17 regarding Mr. Winston Churchill's escape from the Boers: "Mr. Churchill wrote Gen. Joubert on December 9 asking to be released on the ground of being a war correspondent. Gen. Joubert on December 13 replied that Mr. Churchill had been detained because he had been reported as a combatant assisting an armored train to escape. He added that Mr. Churchill was unknown to him personally, but he would accept his assurance that he was a non-combatant, and would order his release. This order arrived at Pretoria ten hours after Mr. Churchill had expressed gratitude for the treatment he had received."

PORTUGAL IS POWERLESS

Afraid to Stop Boer Traffic by Delagoa Bay Lest Raid on Her Possessions Should Follow.

London, Dec. 23.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Daily Mail, discussing the importation of food, munitions of war, etc., by way of the Portuguese port of Delagoa Bay, says: "Portugal is undoubtedly doing her utmost to check the transit of war material for the Boers through Delagoa Bay, although Great Britain would do well to make a demand for greater watchfulness."

"Portugal, however, is in constant terror of a Boer raid of her African possessions, and cannot stop the passage of volunteers for the Transvaal."

SAVED FROM THE LAKE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Pickard's Mather & Co., owners of a whale-back barge No. 115 which was supposed to have been lost with all on board in a great storm of early last week, today received a telegram from the captain of the barge saying that himself and the crew were safe. The telegram is dated Middleton, Ont.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER DEAD.

London, Dec. 22.—The attack of pneumonia from which the Duke of Westminster has been suffering took a serious turn today and the family were summoned to his assistance. The Duke died tonight.

A Great Blunder—The D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight, adds flesh, and overcomes any downward tendency of health. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., makers.

NORTHERN CAPE COLONY

Boers Now Reaping Crops of Loyalist Farmers and Their Forces Largely Swelled.

Sterkfontein, Saturday, Dec. 16.—The Boers have been largely reinforced since Gen. Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg. The country north of that point is in arms, and the farms of the loyalists are being taken by the Boers, who reap the crops.

Boer accounts of successful engagements are printed for distribution throughout the affected districts.

THE CANADIAN SENTIMENT

Voiced by Toronto Board of Trade in Applauding Offer to Help Fight Empire's Battles

Toronto, Dec. 22.—An open meeting of the Board of Trade was held this afternoon to discuss matters relating to sending the second Canadian contingent to the Transvaal. Numerous speeches were made in hearty approval of the course taken by the Dominion government and the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that this board desires to record its continued devotion and loyalty to the British crown and views with much favor the determination of the Dominion government to promptly despatch to the seat of war in South Africa a second contingent numbering upwards of 1,000 men."

"Further resolved, that in the opinion of this board it is incumbent upon the government of Canada to strengthen the hands of Her Majesty's Imperial government and the bonds which hold the Empire together, by providing the necessary money for the mobilization and equipment in Canada of a still larger force of volunteers, to be employed in the performance of such duties as may be found most useful during the present crisis, thereby giving expression to Canada's resolution to do her share in maintaining the national position."

"Also that a special session of parliament be called to give the people of Canada through their representatives an opportunity to endorse the actions already taken and to authorize the government to provide for every possible contingency."

Many of the leading business men of the city were present and the resolution was passed amid great enthusiasm, the whole gathering rising and singing "God Save the Queen."

EVANGELIST MOODY DEAD.

One of the Greatest Men of His Time Passes Peacefully Away.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Anagni, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Capuchin Hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the hotel Capuchin, and several villas. Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards. The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh catastrophes. Troops have arrived on the scene and began rescue work.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Anagni is a small but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the most picturesque form. The Capuchin Monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Canino for the Cistercians, but came into possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea, was about 230 feet, contained fine cloisters and a charming veranda, and offered magnificent points of view.

The town is mentioned for the first time historically in the sixth century, when it enjoyed the protection of the Eastern emperors. In the twelfth century the sea began gradually to undermine the lower portions, and a terrible inundation in 1243 proved still more disastrous.

SMALL SHIPPERS' COMPLAINT.

Railroads Squeeze Them Out by Discriminating Rates to Large Operators.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The hearing before the interstate commerce committee of complaints made by shippers against the proposed new classification of freight by railroads operating under the "all-rail classification" resumed today. By agreement Frank Harriott, general traffic manager of the Erie, went on the witness stand to testify to the new classification. Inquiries developed the admission by Mr. Harriott that on the Erie, miscellaneous cars carrying articles of value, such as fruit, were being more heavily loaded now than heretofore, and therefore that the earnings on that class of traffic were greater.

It was determined finally that shippers would offer some evidence and Mr. Brown, representing Schofield, Schramm & Teagle, of Cleveland, Ohio, was sworn. He said the new classification on petroleum would be absolutely ruinous to small shippers. On less than carload lots the increase above the rates on carload lots in some instances was as much as 275 per cent, and in no case was it less than 88 per cent.

Mr. Brown said the small shippers of oil could not successfully compete with the standard Oil Co. because the rates given to the Standard Oil Co. in carload lots were so much less than the small shippers could get on less than carload lots that the latter practically were shut out.

This closed the testimony and the hearing was adjourned.

FAMOUS SINGER KILLED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Herr Fritz Plank, the famous Bayreuth Wagnerian singer, fell 590 feet in the Royal theatre at Carlsruhe, sustaining fatal injuries.

Don't Run Chances by taking whiskey or brandy to settle the stomach or stop a chill. Get a bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It gives weight, adds flesh, and overcomes any downward tendency of health. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., makers.

School Children's Terrible Fate.

Fire Envelopes a Merry Ring at Closing Festivities in Illinois Town.

Belgian Classes Go Skating and Forty Perish Through Ice Giving Way.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 22.—Six little girls were burned to death, four probably fatally burned and eight other persons badly injured during the rehearsal of the Christmas exercises of one class at St. Francis school today. There were fourteen little girls in the class and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs and wore white fleeces on their garments. The fleeces of one caught fire from an open gas jet and in an instant the whole ring of little ones was in flames. The Sisters ran to the rescue and were also badly burned.

Six children died almost instantly from the burns and four of them survived only to soon die. The names are Mary Waverling, Ann Middelend, Bertha Friend, Jose Roszewicz, Miss Hickey and Irene Friedrich. The badly injured are Sophie Bernie, Wilhelmina Kortendort, Lena Zeiger, Laura Menke, Miss Seabring, Alexia Temple, Jose Werner, Father Andrew Hutzendel, Sister Ludmison, Sister Rodolphina, Sister Theodor, Sister Egidia.

Forty little ones drowned.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—Upwards of forty school children were drowned this afternoon in an ice accident at Froidenham, near the French frontier.

The school children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys. When the morning was at its height, and the ice broke suddenly, and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing. The catastrophe spread consternation throughout the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

HILDA BLAKE TO HANG.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Hilda Blake, who murdered her mistress at Brandon, will be hanged next Wednesday.

Called to Montreal.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Rev. Mr. Pelly of this city has received a call from Emmanuel Congregational church, Montreal.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Calgary, Dec. 22.—The trial of Thomas Alva Quigley for the murder of Nelson Hagle, near Lacanville, in June, 1898, concluded here today. Mrs. Hagle, wife of the deceased and sister of the accused, was the principal witness. Quigley was found guilty of manslaughter and will be sentenced tomorrow. Mrs. Hagle, charged with being an accessory, was acquitted.

POSTAL CLERKS' PAY.

Advance of Five Dollars a Month for Those Receiving the Lower Salaries.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The World says it is in a position to announce that the government will increase all post office clerks under \$800 five dollars a month. As the post office clerks' report is not in, the inspiration must have come from other sources.

REPRIMAND BY COLLEAGUE.

Mr. Fisher Objects to Tarte's Paper Being Quoted as Representing Public Feeling—Elections at Hand.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Fisher, in an address last night, said there were some people in Quebec who disapproved of war, but the Conservatives quite quoted the views of newspapers such as La Patrie. The government was quite prepared to appeal to the country on its policy in this matter.

Mr. Fisher also announced that the elections would soon be held and warned the Liberals to get ready.

Are free from all crude and irritating matter, one-centred medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purging. Try them.

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Funeral Notice.

All members of Court Vancouver, No. 3,765, are requested to be at E. of P. Hall church, at 1:15 o'clock, on Sunday, December 24th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother W. J. Gower. Members of other lodges cordially invited.

By order, W. J. GOWER, Chief Ranger.

VICTORIA THEATRE

This Afternoon and To-Night.

Two Farewell Performances of The Moggie Moore & H. R. Roberts Co.

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The Exceedingly Funny Farcelet Comedy in Three Acts, by GLEN MAC DONOUGH.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Martin's Meeting Cancelled—Ah Quong Gets Two Years—Prices of Farm Produce.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Mr. Joseph Martin, M. P., who was to have addressed a public meeting next week, now announces that he is going to Winnipeg on local business and will not be back until January.

Jobbing houses say that farmers who hoped to realize high prices for oats by hanging on, are doomed to disappointment. They are now unloading, and the market has consequently been weakened. Hay is quoted at \$15. Eggs from the East are quoted a cent cheaper at 18½¢, and Manitoba butter a cent and a half dearer at 20½¢, while Australian butter has advanced to 28½¢. Local creamery is still retailing at 35¢, and eggs at 60¢, and 55¢. Geese are being jobbed to retailers at 12¢, and turkeys at 14¢. A carload of fine Eastern apples that passed the inspector as A1 has reduced prices to 85¢ a barrel, wholesale. In spite of extremely inclement weather, Christmas trade is brisk.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Bank Accountant Sentenced to Three Years—Brandon Murderers to Hang—Another Politician Provided With Billet.

Special to the Colonist.

HAMILTON BARRISTER'S DEATH.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Edward Furlong, a prominent barrister here for the past twenty-five years, died this morning, aged 56.

BILLET FOR SIR LOUIS.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The World's Montreal special gives the rumor that Sir Louis Davies will retire from politics and go on the bench.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Manitoba and the Territories will probably have to be content with a green Christmas. There was a rainfall this morning and light weather this evening.

YUKON OFFICIALS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—R. J. Elbeck, sheriff of the Yukon, and J. L. Bell, assistant gold commissioner, passed through Winnipeg en route to Vancouver and Dawson. They leave Vancouver December 28.

MR. GREENWAY'S EXIT.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—No announcement has yet been made regarding the new Manitoba cabinet. It is understood Premier Greenway vacates office about the end of the year.

VILLE MARIE FRAUDS.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Ferdinand Lemieux was found guilty this morning of having signed a false return to the government of the standing of the La Rapine Ville Marie, of which he was chief accountant, and sentenced to three years in penitentiary.

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Mr. Fisher Objects to Tarte's Paper Being Quoted as Representing Public Feeling—Elections at Hand.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Fisher, in an address last night, said there were some people in Quebec who disapproved of war, but the Conservatives quite quoted the views of newspapers such as La Patrie. The government was quite prepared to appeal to the country on its policy in this matter.

Mr. Fisher also announced that the elections would soon be held and warned the Liberals to get ready.

Are free from all crude and irritating matter, one-centred medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purging. Try them.

A. O. F.

Funeral Notice.

All members of Court Vancouver, No. 3,765, are requested to be at E. of P. Hall church, at 1:15 o'clock, on Sunday, December 24th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother W. J. Gower. Members of other lodges cordially invited.

By order, W. J. GOWER, Chief Ranger.

VICTORIA THEATRE

This Afternoon and To-Night.

Two Farewell Performances of The Moggie Moore & H. R. Roberts Co.

Of Australian Players.

MATINEE AT 2:15

EVENING PERFORMANCE AT 8

The Exceedingly Funny Farcelet Comedy in Three Acts, by GLEN MAC DONOUGH.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Martin's Meeting Cancelled—Ah Quong Gets Two Years—Prices of Farm Produce.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Mr. Joseph Martin, M. P., who was to have addressed a public meeting next week, now announces that he is going to Winnipeg on local business and will not be back until January.

Jobbing houses say that farmers who hoped to realize high prices for oats by hanging on, are doomed to disappointment. They are now unloading, and the market has consequently been weakened. Hay is quoted at \$15. Eggs from the East are quoted a cent cheaper at 18½¢, and Manitoba butter a cent and a half dearer at 20½¢, while Australian butter has advanced to 28½¢. Local creamery is still retailing at 35¢, and eggs at 60¢, and 55¢. Geese are being jobbed to retailers at 12¢, and turkeys at 14¢. A carload of fine Eastern apples that passed the inspector as A1 has reduced prices to 85¢ a barrel, wholesale. In spite of extremely inclement weather, Christmas trade is brisk.

Bankrupt Stock OF BOOTS and SHOES Selling Cheap JEWELL BLOCK, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS.

DIED.

CRAIGIE—At the residence of his mother (Mrs. John L. Blackmore, No. 233 Yates street, on the 22nd instant, William John Craigie, son of the late Thomas Craigie, aged 19 years and 7 months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. from the residence as above.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

LESLOUIS—In this city on the 22nd inst., Felix Leslois, a native of Dieppe, Department de la Seine Infere, France, aged 84 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:45 p.m. from the residence of A. Berde, 86 Blanchard street, and at 2 p.m. from St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ONE Cent Per Word Per Insertion. Cash No Advertisement Inserted for Less Than Twenty-Five Cents.

WANTED.

WANTED—Purchaser for dress coat, nearly new, about 34 inches chest. Bargain for small money. Apply 105 Fort street, 423.

WANTED—A woman to do cooking and housework in a small family. Apply immediately at corner of Russell and Esplanade streets, Victoria West. 423.

WANTED—A nurse girl to take care of three children and do light housework. Apply between 10 and 12 a.m. at 121 Labouchere street. 423.

WANTED—Two gentlemen to back with advertiser who has well furnished, comfortable 8-roomed house, with large garden, lawn, etc. Address "C," Colonist office. 423.

CASH for acceptable ideas; state if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md. 423.

WANTED—Immediately, furnished, also unfurnished houses to rent; clients waiting. W. Jones, City Auction Mart, 73 Yates street. 417.

WANTED—Positions for two bandmen of Fifth Regiment C.A. Apply to F. B. Gregory, Lt.-Col. 417.

WANTED—To rent, nicely furnished house, good location. Mrs. Stevens, Colonist, 415.

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by C. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge credit prices. Repairing Dept., 56 Fort street. 423.

LOST OR FOUND.

FOUND—A bank note in a store on Douglass street. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement, at Paisley Dye Works. 423.

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexander Lodge, A.O.U.W. Hall 2nd and 4th Streets, 415.

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital

CHRISTMAS DAY

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors wish to drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jackson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts.

Estate of Frederick Williams, Deceased

Late of 2 Superior Street, Victoria.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to us and all persons indebted to the deceased to pay the amount of their indebtedness to us forthwith.

CRUISE & CREASE, Solicitors for the Executor, 17th December, 1899.

School of Physical Culture.

Mrs. D. R. Harris has commenced her classes in the Sir William Wallace Hotel, Broad street. Classes for children on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., beginning December 2nd.

Private classes for ladies and gentlemen by arrangement. For terms apply to 42 Superior street. Cultivation for the chest a specialty.

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Instantaneous and perfect aeration of any liquid by means of

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

It having been brought to the notice of Hon Mr. Semlin, that it was in contemplation to send to South Africa to-day a Christmas Greeting to the Victoria contingent, he very kindly suggested that the provincial government should send one to all the British Columbia boys in the field. In view of this thoughtful act on the part of those persons, who were moving in the matter of a special message from Victoria to the Victoria boys, will probably not deem it necessary to take any further steps.

THE WAR.

Ladysmith is reported safe and Gen. Methuen was all right at last accounts. It is possible, the correspondents think, that the latter may have to fight a battle, for the reason that the Boers may be compelled to choose between assuming the offensive and the disintegration of their forces. As yet the enemy have not come out of their trenches and made an attack upon our defences and great interest will attach to their first effort of this kind. It is one thing to resist stoutly behind cover a vigorous assault. It is another thing to leave protection and come out in the open field against an entrenched foe. Whether the Boers have sufficient discipline, or what serves in its stead sometimes, fanaticism, to do the latter, remains to be seen.

The suggestion that our fleet may take possession of Delagoa Bay as an act necessary to prevent violations of neutrality on Portuguese territory is important, and if it is acted upon will have a potent influence upon the campaign. It would afford a means by which our forces might enter the Transvaal, for we assume if the British government takes possession of the Bay, it will utilize it for every purpose.

THE PEOPLE NEEDED.

Undoubtedly Canada needs a greater population than she now has, but it is more than open to doubt if it is desirable to look to European countries at this particular time for settlers. There is not a little evidence that some of our present population, who are of foreign descent, are not as loyal to British interests as they ought to be. We have heard recently of a man in this city, who withdrew his patronage from a certain person because the latter was too strongly British in her sentiments. This man has been in receipt, first and last, of not a little of the money of the taxpayers of British Columbia. A few days ago a stout-armed Briton knocked down a man of foreign extraction, but resident here, who proposed to drink to the success of the Boers and the confusion of the Queen. We have heard of other cases where such people have expressed strong pro-Boer sentiments. It is of course impossible to prevent some people, who were born under the flag, from entertaining disloyal views, but it is a mistake to import them. After a little, when the Empire has been placed upon an unapproachable pinnacle of strength in the eyes of the world, we can afford, perhaps, to bring Europeans to our shores and trust to the justice of our institutions to make them loyal British subjects, but just now the people we want are those in whose veins runs the good red blood of the British Isles. Of such we cannot have too many.

FROM A BUSINESS STANDPOINT.

The proposed Victoria-Willowville by-law is drawn up so as to give the company, which may be formed to build the railway, the power to pass along such streets as the city corporation may deem most suitable, and the approval of the corporation is to be signified by the approval of the city engineer or some other person appointed or approved by the city. This is doubtless as far as the city solicitor could go to protect the interests of the city in framing a by-law for so crude a proposition; but it is an exceedingly inadequate protection. It is highly objectionable that the city should surrender to any single individual such a power as is thereby contemplated. The plan by which it is proposed to extend V. & S. into the centre of the city should be specified in detail in order that the ratepayers of the district through which it is proposed to run the line may be able to see how their property will be affected, and the citizens generally may be informed as to how it is proposed to cut up the city streets. The importance of this matter will be manifested by a little consideration of the nature of the portion of the city which the route must traverse. The following memorandum has been handed the Colonist by a gentleman who is fully conversant with the facts:

Willowville is 41 feet above high water mark. The public market is 49 feet above high water mark. Fall in 4,000 feet, 13 feet. The depression at the gas works is 7 feet above high water mark. The rails at this point must be about 57 feet above the ground level.

From this memorandum, that is assuming it to be accurate, as we are satisfied it is, it is clear that the construction of the proposed extension may involve the construction of an embankment of a trestle on one of the public streets up wards of fifty feet in height. There may be a way of reaching the public market from the station, but it is not clear.

not involve a piece of work like this, but if so the city council has been given no information on the subject. We ask the aldermen, as men who must be supposed to desire to protect the interests of the city, if they are prepared to submit a by-law to the ratepayers until definite information has been given on this extremely important point. We claim that before the ratepayers are asked to vote upon a by-law which contemplates that a railway shall run through some of its principal streets for four-fifths of a mile, the profile of the route should be laid before the city council and should be open to public inspection. The proposed extension may block cross streets by embankments or trestles, or, worse than either, by cuts, and the safeguarding of the interests of the citizens in this connection is to be left with the city engineer or some other appointee of the city, who would be, possibly, more or less under the direction of the mayor. Do either of the present candidates for the mayorality desire to have the responsibility of even indirectly determining such an exceedingly important matter? We put it to the aldermen as to reasonable men if upon a matter as vital as this to the welfare of the city more information ought not to be forthcoming before the ratepayers are asked to vote for or against it?

The power of the city council to take stock in a railway corporation is limited to lines which are wholly or in part within the city limits. The only part of the proposed undertaking within the city limits is the last thousand yards or so of the V. & S., and the proposed extension into the centre of the city. It is essential, therefore, that the V. & S. shall be acquired before the city will have any right to take stock in the undertaking. We do not wish to be misunderstood on this point. Doubtless the city could subscribe for the stock to be used in purchasing the V. & S.; but our point is that having once voted the money for the stock and being committed to the scheme, the city would have to deal with the owners of the V. & S., who would be in a position to make the city choose between withdrawing from the whole thing and the payment of an exorbitant price for the road. We do not say that the reason why the unnamed promoters of this scheme have not obtained from the owners of the V. & S. an offer of a price at which the road will be sold was to put the city in just this predicament, for that would doubtless be unjust; but if it had been intended to do so, no better plan could have been adopted. The acquisition of the V. & S. being therefore absolutely necessary before the city can legally take one dollar's worth of the capital stock of the company, it is not imperative that before the city council submits the by-law to the ratepayers steps should be taken by some one to have the price of the V. & S. stated?

Both the Mayor and Alderman Hayward took the position at the city council that the by-law should be made conditional upon the obtaining by the company, by subscription or otherwise, of \$500,000. In our comments yesterday we classed this as among the aspects of the case upon which there may be a difference of opinion. We did this for the purpose of distinguishing between the two classes of objections to the scheme. Those specified yesterday were those upon which we thought, and still think, there can be no two opinions among intelligent business men. With the point taken by Messrs. Redfern and Hayward we are wholly in accord and we regard it as a crucial one in the scheme. If the city is going to embark on a policy of railway construction, this provision would be unnecessary. In that case the city would put up its \$500,000 and get the other million or more in the best way it could. We insist that this is substantially what the by-law amounts to, but this is not the scheme as explained at the public meetings. That scheme is that \$2,000,000 stock shall be issued, of which the city is to get one quarter at par, and it is expected that the Fraser river municipalities will give rights-of-way that will be equivalent to the subscription of \$100,000 of stock. This will leave \$1,400,000 of stock to be otherwise disposed of. Out of this it is proposed to realize another \$100,000. The holders of this stock would control the company, for the presence of the mayor on the board of directors would count for nothing. Is it proposed to issue this stock for the \$100,000, which is all the money which the promoters say will be needed in addition to what the city, the Fraser municipalities and the government are to give? If not, how much is it proposed to issue to obtain the \$100,000? We contend that if the city is to pay par for its stock, no one should get stock for less than par. Hence we hold that a certain amount of money, and we think it ought to be equal to what the city gives, should be secured before the city is asked to put up a dollar, and that none of the stock should be sold for less than par, for the moment it is the value of the city's stock will be reduced to the price for which the stock is sold. There is nothing but what is reasonable in this. If this idea is acted on the promoters of the project, wherever they may be, can go to the Fraser municipalities, the governments interested and the public, and say that \$500,000 is available from the city of Victoria as soon as an equal amount is available from other sources. If such an appeal fails the whole scheme will fall through, as it ought to, for it is based upon the supposition that the city will give nothing unless two-thirds of the whole

cost is forthcoming from other sources. At least this is how the matter was explained at the public meetings. We have been told that the idea of the unnamed promoters is to dispose of this \$1,400,000 of stock very much under par.

Through an error in the "make-up" of yesterday's Colonist a portion of Lieut.-Col. Prior's letter was omitted. The whole letter is therefore reproduced this morning. The omission is the portion immediately preceding the last poetical quotation and refers to the contribution of Canada in money to Imperial defence.

A COLD WATER DOUCHE.

When Sir Charles Tupper spoke at Vancouver, he was presented with an address in which the following paragraph occurred:

It is also within the range of the aspirations of the Conservative party that British Columbia may follow the example of Manitoba by electing as a provincial government men whose actions may be guided by the principles of Conservatism, securing just rule for all classes. In this direction they are bending their energies, and your presence upon this occasion will go a long way to strengthen their determination to use every legitimate effort to bring about this end.

Doubtless the estimable gentlemen who were responsible for this paragraph felt that its warmth would fire the heart of the astute leader to whom it was addressed; but Sir Charles very promptly turned on the hose in this fashion. We quote from the News-Advertiser's report of his speech:

There had been great controversy on the question of federal lines in local politics. There was a great deal to be said on both sides. They had been driven—the Conservative side—to have one party instead of two. When the United States adopted oppressive measures, the same had to be done on this side of the line. So the Conservatives had found it necessary to be absolutely united on all questions all over the Dominion. Then Sir Wilfrid had adopted the system of one party both for federal and provincial lines. Sir Wilfrid had declared that the Liberal government in Ontario was his right arm, and it had received all the party support in recent elections. "You might as well try to fight guns with broomsticks," said Sir Charles, "as to fight the Liberals with their consolidation of parties, with a divided front." There was another reason. A law had been passed by the Liberals taking the power of dealing with the franchise away altogether, and giving it to the local legislatures. How were the Conservatives to fight unless they made common cause with the provincial people? They saw the result of the Manitoba elections.

This is the coldest kind of comfort, and if Sir Charles is not forthwith read out of the party, it will surely be only because of his long years of service. Evidently the Conservative leader had not the fear of the New Westminster convention before his eyes, when he ventured to say that there was a great deal to be said on both sides. Sir Charles, so far from appearing to think the proposed change something desirable in itself, regards it as a line of action to which recourse may be had by the Conservatives only on the compulsion of their opponents. It is interesting to mention in this connection that at a casual meeting of some of the supporters of the local opposition yesterday in this city one of those present said that he had seen a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to a prominent Victoria Liberal, in which the Premier stated that he would decline in any way to interfere in our local politics, and that the question of resorting to federal lines was one, which the people of British Columbia must, so far as he is concerned, settle for themselves. Thus we have the leaders of the two great parties declining to give the proposed movement their sanction, which is a very satisfactory condition of affairs.

Sir Louis Davies will, it is said, shortly retire from politics. Is this another case of "Laurier's Luck"?

The Minister of Agriculture says that the Dominion elections will soon be held. The sooner the better from the Conservative point of view.

As this is the last secular day before Christmas, it may be as well to remind Colonist readers that "he that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord." The security is ample and the rate of interest is high.

Canadians are in demand. Every graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston, not now in the service, is offered a commission in the British army. That institution has turned out some good soldiers.

A New Zealander claims to have discovered a liquor that can be used in branding cattle. There is nothing very new about this. Our grandfathers knew of a liquor that could be used in raising barns and other things, including Cain.

ANOTHER CORRUPT ELECTION. West Huron Trial Results in Unseating Minister Garrow—West Elgin Unchanged by Recount.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Judges Ouder and Ross delivered judgment this morning in the West Huron election case which has been repeatedly adjourned at the request of petitioners. The decision voids the election and unseats J. T. Garrow, member elect and member of the cabinet without portfolio.

St. Thomas, Dec. 22.—The recount in West Elgin before County Judge Remington, confirms Macdunnald, Conservative, in the seat with a majority of 17, a decrease of one from the original majority.

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Yokohama Bazaar,
Best Place to get Japanese Fancy Goods
Special Reductions on Prices for this Month.

Plum.. Puddings

We're bound to please you with these plum puddings of ours this Xmas. They're so rich and the making so good that you can't help liking them. Last season we made a good plum pudding, as good as any to be had in the city, but we weren't satisfied with it—thought it possible to improve it—and we have improved on it for this Xmas. The puddings we are offering you now are richer, better made, and more carefully mixed than last season's. The prices too, are lower—much lower—than you'd expect such a fine plum pudding for; but we're going to sell a big lot to make up the difference—75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25 each.

COOKED CHICKENS

But a few years ago you never thought of buying cooked chickens. Then you had to buy them, pluck them, clean them, make dressing for them, and cook them—now you can buy them from us already cooked, carefully seasoned with sausage dressing, for 60c., \$1.00 and \$1.25 each. If you will prefer to cook them yourself we'll sell you the sausage dressing at 15c. lb.—chickens, too, if you want them.

BREAKFAST SAUSAGES

Lots of folks ask why our breakfast sausages are so much better than others. Our explanation is simple. They're made from grain-fed Sanich hogs, carefully fattened to our order. We use a special seasoning, and we use nearly all pork—15c. lb.

FRUIT CAKES

Fancy decorated cakes—you'll want at least one for Xmas—carefully made, selected whole fruits, delicious seasoning, nicely frosted, and decorated—some with colored lettering—A Merry Christmas—A Happy New Year—all prices.

MINCE PATTIES

A new departure—made like mince pies in this, about the same size, but filled with mince-meat. Our chief is but now prepared them. He'll tell us the price this afternoon—not expensive though.

Jap Oranges—whole and sound—from six to eight dozen in a box—according to size—50c.

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Ideal Provision Store
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GRAND NEW YEAR PRIZE DRAWING
AT THE ABOVE STORE ON
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AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
For the following prizes: 1st prize (value \$75), 1 grand, 10-story almond loaf, first class English Fruit Cake. 2nd prize, Large square, artistically ornamented rich Fruit Cake. 3rd—Large size rich Xmas plum pudding. 4th prize—Medium size first class English Plum Pudding.
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Are going out of the Boot and Shoe Business, but we are right in it, as our sales testify every day. Every pair to be cleared out before the year 1900.
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VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
0:10 a.m.	2.6 feet.	9:00 a.m.	8.7 feet
1:20 a.m.	8.9 feet.	3:20 p.m.	5.1 feet.
1:50 p.m.	6.5 feet.	5:20 p.m.	7.8 feet.
6:00 p.m.	8.1 feet.		

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Smoke "Nugget Cigar." Meiss & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental.

Drink "Hondl," purest and best of Caylon teas.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

Air Tight Shoes, perfect beauties, at Clarke & Pearson's.

Majestic Ranges at Cheapside.

International Restaurant. Open all night.

Fine lot of Xmas Cigars. Call and see them. Meiss & Co.

A splendid assortment of fancy tables, chairs, what-nots, cabinets, etc., at Weiler Bros.

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Just arrived at Weiler Bros., a carload of dining tables (special values) from \$8.50 to \$75.00 each.

Some beautiful effects in stylish French Curtains. You should not miss these. Weiler Bros.

Webber-Keefe—John Webber and Miss Clara Keefe were married on Thursday evening by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

You boil potatoes, but you brew tea. To do so properly consult the directions in the packets of "HONDLE."

Xmas week at Weiler Bros.' is a very busy season. This year they expect a larger business than usual. Call early and view their interesting stocks.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Meetings Postponed.—The W.C.T.U. meetings arranged for yesterday and next week have been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Holiday presents, comprising English Dram Flasks, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Fencing Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

The Aldermanic Contest.—It is understood that endeavors are being made to induce ex-Ald. James Baker to consent to stand for North Ward at the approaching municipal elections. Mr. Baker is averse to again accepting aldermanic honors, and will not likely consent to be a candidate.

The Williams B. C. Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1896, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1890-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

Come early and get your choice while there is a large assortment to pick from. Perfumes, Perfume Atomizers, Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, etc., Travelling Cases, Dressing Cases and a host of other good things. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 41 Government street.

Helping the Needy.—The various local charitable organizations are making the usual preparations to provide a measure of comfort and happiness for the needy ones of the city, though happily there are few cases this year really requiring at-

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Attention. Following is a list of those making further donations to the Friendly Help society: Berthe Chance, Georgina Babbington, Katie Harburger, Herman Harburger, Elaine McMicking, Annie Williams, John Williams, Thomas Jeffrey, Bertie Bendroth, Victor Smith, David Raymond.

For good things in Toys, Dolls, Rocking Horses, etc., see Wilby's Bazaar, 91 Douglas street.

Notice.—For the convenience of our patrons we will take orders up till this evening for delivery on Monday. Tel. 101. Early delivery and satisfaction guaranteed. Clay's, 39 Fort street.

Auction of Turkeys.—This year it will be impossible for anyone to say he was not able to have a turkey Christmas dinner because he could not afford it, as Mr. Herbert Cuthbert has received instructions to sell a large consignment of turkeys today. This should place turkeys within the reach of all.

St. Andrew's Church Treat.—The young folk of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in their turn had the honor of a visit from Santa Claus' special representative last night, that functionary exhibiting seasonable gifts from a well filled tree. To close the entertainment, Mr. R. Hutchison gave an interesting exhibition of the working of the Roentgen ray apparatus.

Holiday Train Service.—For the convenience of holiday travellers between the various points on the line of the I. & N. railway, the management of the E. & N. railway announce that excursion tickets will be on sale to and from all stations available for the going journey on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, and for return not later than Tuesday, December 26. Special arrangements will also be made for New Year's travellers.

Recruitment Order.—The following order was issued yesterday by Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding the Fifth regiment. "Lieut. T. E. Dooley, acting adjutant, having applied for six months' leave of absence, Lieut. R. H. Pooley will fill until further orders perform the duties of acting adjutant. Second Lieutenant H. M. Grahame will until further orders take command of No. 4 Company."

Crowds of Customers.—To anyone who has had occasion to visit the big grocery establishment of Erskine, Wall & Co. during the past few days, any question as to the volume of this year's holiday business would seem absurdly superfluous. The happy-faced throng telling the tale of the business that is being done. It tells, too, that a very large proportion of Victoria's citizens have discovered the right place for buying at this important period of the year. At a late hour last night the entire floor of the big establishment was literally knee-deep in packages ready for this morning's first delivery.

Splendid Display.—There is a fine Christmas display at the Caledonian bakery and confectionery store, 112 Yates street. On New Year's Day there is to be a drawing for four prizes as follows: First prize (value \$75), 1 grand lottery, almost exclusive first-class English fruit cake; second prize, large, square, artistically ornamented rich fruit cake; third, large size Xmas plum pudding; fourth, medium size first-class English plum pudding. The tickets are 25 cents each.

Wants a Lawyer.—The case of the Chinaman with a three-barrelled name who is charged with the theft of a boxful of clothing from a compatriot, and which it was expected would be disposed of in the police court yesterday, has been still further enlarged—this time until Tuesday—as the accused has expressed a wish to be represented by Mr. J. P. Walker. Ah Sney, the hero of the oil tin raid, was convicted on two counts of theft and sentenced to terms of three and four months.

Victorians on Board.—The report of the fact that the steamer Oceanic was overdue at Liverpool caused considerable uneasiness here yesterday, there being a number of Victorians on board, among them, Hon. P. O'Reilly, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. H. Bullock-Wheeler. The arrival of the steamer had not been reported yesterday, although she was due on Thursday. There is not likely to be anything serious the matter with the vessel, but as Mrs. O'Reilly was very ill when she left here, her friends are anxious to hear of her arrival.

Naylor in California.—Rev. Mr. Naylor, the evangelist, who failed to appear before the investigating committee of the Methodist conference, although he possessed an anxiety to do so, has again and clearly his character, left Victoria a week ago to-night for San Francisco, and is no doubt still in California, unless he caught a steamer for shores beyond the Pacific. He left Victoria on the Walla Walla for San Francisco. His beard has been cropped, but he is generally recognized by a gentleman who was on the wharf. He and his companion drove to the wharf at the last moment and hurriedly checking their baggage boarded the steamer.

This has undoubtedly been a great Christmas week for the trades people, despite the weather. Our enterprising dealer reports the sale of almost one thousand pairs of gloves. Doubtless the much-sought after trading stamp has had much to do with this phenomenal sale of gloves, this being the only glove, hat and furnishing store on Government street giving the trading stamps. It is needless to say that this firm is Geo. R. Jackson, the hustling agent for Fowkes' and Dent's ladies and men's gloves, also carrying the very highest grade of hats and furnishing goods. At the price, \$1.00 and \$1.25 up is considered for English as against the same prices for continental made goods with the advantages of fitting by experts at the counter, all goods being guaranteed, and trading stamps added, it is little wonder such enterprise meets the success achieved.

Victorians at the Front.—Probably no British Columbia family is better represented at the front—it is well—than that of Mrs. Blumenthal, a former and well just come to be family that her eldest son, Louis, is a prisoner in the hands of the Boers at Johannesburg, the family home being first of all robbed of all the provisions that had been provided in anticipation of a protracted siege—this by the Boer authorities—and then relieved of every article of furniture by the Kaffirs. Another of the "Blumenthal boys," Sydney, is serving with the Natal mounted police, with whom he has been during the past two years, filling the responsible and hazardous office of despatch-bearer;

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while Joe, the youngest, has recently joined Col. Baden-Powell's Imperial Light Horse, and is now in the neighborhood of the Natal Mounted Police ad's resolution to do her share in main-hood of Mateking. Mrs. Blumenthal is at present among the refugees at Cape-town.

DIED OF SPINAL MENINGITIS.

W. J. Craigie, a Colonist Employee, Succumbed After a Few Days' Illness.

William John Craigie, youngest son of the late Thomas Craigie, and for several years past an employee of the Colonist job printing department, died yesterday after a very brief illness. Deceased had a few days previously complained of feeling unwell, but his illness was not considered serious. His condition becoming suddenly worse, Dr. Frank Hall was summoned and he found the patient to be suffering from spinal meningitis, happily a very rare affliction here. Young Craigie rapidly succumbed and passed away at an early hour yesterday morning at the residence of his mother, Mrs. John L. Blackmore, 239 Yates street.

Deceased, who was but 19 years of age, served as a "subject" to hypnotists McEwen and Flint while they were here; and when news of his death was first circulated some were inclined to attribute it to the experience he had undergone with the hypnotists, but his physician is disinclined to connect that with the case.

The funeral, conducted under the auspices of the A. O. F., of which deceased was a member, will take place on Sunday next from the Yates street residence.

TROUBLESOME INDIANS.

Chileotins Attempt to Drive White Settlers Out of Their Country.

The Chileotins Indians are again causing trouble in the vicinity of Tatla lake, their objection to the settlement of white men in that vicinity being the cause. Mr. B. Franklin and Edward Elkin, a brother of the man for whose murder one of the Chileotins is serving a life term, commenced the erection of a fence around a tract of land acquired by Mr. Franklin on Tatla lake, fully 300 miles from the reserve. The Indians threatened that if the fence was built they would burn it down and drive off the cattle, but the white men persisted until one day they were driven to their cabin, the door of which was broken in by the natives. Two handy rifles, however, prevented the Indians from committing murder. The next day Franklin and Elkin started for Alexis Creek. They were met on the way by the Indians, who again threatened them, but after a little parleying allowed them to pass. At Alexis Creek warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the ringleaders, and constables have started out to serve them.

COLLIDED IN A FOG.

London, Dec. 22.—The Holland-American line steamer Warendam from Amsterdam yesterday for New York, ran in collision off Mansuis in the fog with the British steamer Silvo and had five plates on the port side smashed. No damage has been reported to the Silvo.

ENGLAND.

Do they say that England's dying? That this war shall mark her fall? She that is queen of a hundred lands, Soon shall own naught at all!

She, the mother of great sea captains, Whose deeds of fame encompassed the earth— All the long line of mighty warriors, Ours the Isles that gave you birth!

England, proudest of all nations, Snugling for peace at Kruger's knee! Let India's story give thee lie— And Delhi's hard-won victory!

Let France remember Waterloo, Before she dares to strike once more, Russia may flaunt her armed hosts— Our fleet still guards our Island shore.

From cottage homes, from ancient halls, Old England's sons went forth to fight, In cottage homes and ancient halls Is many a broken heart this night.

All full of hope and manhood's pride; Ah! how they lie so cold and still! Their laurel crowns too early won, Their graves lie on some far off hill.

England, for you they gave their lives; For you they shed their hearts' best blood! But thousands more are pressing on To face the fire and breast the flood.

England, look up, while sons like these From furthest lands may yet be found; From furthest lands across the seas They speed into the battle ground.

For love of liberty they come; For all the thousand links that bind Their hearts to that dear Mother Land— Their cheers come echoing down the wind.

England shall live while yet remain Such sons as these—an armed wall. Dangers may thicken, foes arise On every side—she shall not fall!

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Cape Cod Cranberries.

Choice Eastern Apples.

Choice Cluster Raisins.

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300 ACRES NORTH SAANICH

This magnificent property, charmingly situated, consists of 300 acres of first-class farming land, 150 acres of which are under cultivation, the balance being bush land of the best quality, easily cleared. This property is for sale at \$37.50 per acre, and is probably the greatest bargain ever offered in the way of first-class farming property in Saanich.

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We are giving with every purchase of \$1.00 a handsome

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GORGONZOLA CHEESE, FRENCH PLUM PUDDING, CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS and BON BONS, Varied Assortment.

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LADIES' TOILET SETS. GENT'S SHAVING SETS. VICTORIA SOUVENIRS.

And a large variety of useful and fancy novelties in silver of the latest designs—the correct thing for Xmas presents. The prices are reasonable.

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TEA AND COFFEE My Specialties.

Cameron, Clothier and Furnisher, 55 Johnson Street.

The Westside Store News.

Silks for Gifts

A Waist Pattern, a dress pattern, a skirt pattern is a gift that is always delightful to woman or girl; and there can be no size mistake—the garment is made up to fit and to suit the taste of the recipient.

Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c 75c \$1 and 50c.

All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at \$1.25

Cold Taffeta, all shades, worth \$1.00, this week 75c.

Cold Gro Grain, all shades, worth \$1.25, this week 90c.

We have just received to-day a large stock of black Bengaines, black Failles, black Brocades, black Tulle, black Feau-de-Sois and black Luchesse satin.

Silk Hose

WHAT a world of comfort, luxury and prettiness! A thoughtful thing to give.

Ladies' Silk Plaited Hose, assorted opera shades, 90c, and 65c.

Ladies' black and colored Silk Plaited Hose, lace ankles, 65c and \$1.00

Ladies' special black Silkspun Hose 85c and \$1.50

Belts for Gifts

THERE are two ways of inviting you to see the Christmas collection of Belts—to tell of the many handsome ones and describe their beauties, or to tell you of the new

Dog Collar Belt, we have them \$1.00 to \$1.75

Plain black and tan Leather Belts 35c to 75c.

Fancy elastic E. aneled and Sequin designs \$2.00.

FURS

FASHION is agog over the small furs,—cluster—scarfs collarettes and muffs.

A large stock of grey Oppossum Collars...from \$2 to \$5

Muffs to match...\$2.00 to \$4.00

Lynx Collarettes...\$4.50

Lynx Muffs to match...\$4.50

Collarettes of different styles and qualities of Fur, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.50, \$14, and a few of those beauties at...

Muffs to match any of the above.

Marten Collarettes...

"A Prize" Stone Marten Col-22.50

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A Manoeuvre in Silk Waists

COMFORT for you means business for us. The story is short, the points are sharp.

1st. We offer the largest stock of Silk Waists

2nd. The assortment is ample to meet every taste.

3rd. The prices in Tracked Silk, \$3.50, in Satin and better Silks \$3.50 to \$9.00.

Lace and Silk Ties

Silk Ties beautifully designed, 35c.

Lace Ties as now worn...75c.

The new Flowing Silk Tie, 75 cents and \$1.00.

Silk Ties Plain Colored, Silk Fringed...75 cents and \$1.00.

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AFTERNOON TEA SETS. FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS. CHILDREN'S TEA SETS AND BOYS' TOOLS, ETC. BARGAINS IN TEA AND DINNER SETS.

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Interesting Features of the Day Before the Holidays—Winners of Competitive Drill Flag and the Governor-General's Medals.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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ship, to which women are not eligible. They can become clerks in stores and other business houses, stenographers, typewriter operators, operatives, dressmakers, and last, but not least, housekeepers. With regard to this latter class of female employees

THOS. WHITE,
High Sec'y., Brantford.
ERNEST GARTUNG, S.O.,
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Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills positively, permanently and promptly cure Bright's disease, kidney and liver disorders, backache, lumbago, rheumatism, and all the painful and fatal complications of the filtering organs of the body. The sale of this great kidney remedy is enormous throughout this continent and Europe. The merit is proclaimed by scores of thousands of grateful cured ones. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmansson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

Ask your friends about it.

Canada's Duty At Present.

Col. Prior Discusses the Sending of a Contingent to South Africa.

Lack of Patriotism in High Places and Strange Attitude of Quebec.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: As it is now admitted by the Times and other leading English papers that the danger to the British Empire, by reason of the South African trouble, has reached an acute stage I feel that it is not improper for me as one of the public men of Canada to say a few words in regard to the assistance which I think the Dominion should give to the Motherland in this struggle. I do not wish to make political capital out of this matter, because I feel that the present crisis in the history of the Empire is far and away too serious to be brought into party strife, but, however my language and motives may be misconstrued by my constituents and my country if I abstain from fearlessly attempting to show where I think there is a serious danger to the well being, safety, and honor of Canada. In the first place let me say that I am convinced that the large majority of the members of the government at Ottawa, as well as the large majority of the Liberals in Canada, are willing and anxious that Canada shall bear her share in the defence of the Empire by furnishing men and money for the South African war. But I am sorry to say that there is a small but very influential and active minority in the cabinet that seems determined to do all in its power to prevent Canada taking any part in or supplying any funds to the same. Sir Wilfrid Laurier when first the question of sending a contingent was mooted evidently did not think it was the right thing to do, and made all sorts of excuses, such as "The law is against sending the militia out of the country," "There is no menace to Canada," "How can we do so without parliament granting us the money," etc., etc., but I am glad to say that the overwhelming evidence soon presented to him showed that the people of Canada, almost unanimously wished the contingent to be sent, so he changed his attitude and allowed the men to go. I have therefore no more to say about the law. But there was another member of the cabinet who was, and is still, a most persistent opponent to any assistance being granted to the Motherland, I refer to Hon. J. Israel Tarte, the minister of public works. I was not at all surprised to see by this morning's telegraphic news in the Colonist that the government had not yet decided as to whether they would send a second contingent or not, or, if they did, whether they would stand the expense of the same or let Great Britain pay for it.

Why this delay at this most important time when every moment is of the greatest value? Simply, we are told, because Mr. Tarte with a certain following are kicking vigorously against any expense being incurred by Canada in the transportation of the troops, even if they are allowed to go at all. I am aware that some will say: "Those telegraphic despatches are only sent by some Conservative reporter in Ottawa to make capital for his party," but I contend that there must be read in the light of what we know of Tarte's place before the first contingent went, and in conjunction with the editorials published in Mr. Tarte's paper and mouthpiece, La Patrie. This paper has asked on several occasions in reference to this Transvaal trouble, "What made all sorts with the thing in Africa? Why should we interfere?" "What interests have we in the Transvaal?" "Why should we take the money and the blood of our people to spend them in such far away regions?" etc., etc. Mr. Tarte in this paper also announced that the project of sending a contingent had probably been prepared by Gen. Hutton, and he threatened that he would be dismissed for it. He also stated, after the first contingent had gone, that "We have considered this, but I do not wish the operation to be repeated on the next occasion." Only the other day this same paper, La Patrie, in describing a new torpedo boat that France had designed, and showing what a deadly weapon of war it was, concludes the article by saying: "It is very easy to see what the result would be if the French and English navies ever came in contact."

As to the outrageous political pamphlets you quote, and which were scattered broadcast in Quebec before the general elections of 1896, I can only say that several similar ones were shown me after the elections. These plainly show the unworthy means employed by the disloyal minority to obtain votes for their party.

Now, sir, I contend that the retention in the cabinet of a man holding such opinions as Mr. Tarte evidently does in regard to the defence of the British Empire, and who on every possible occasion publishes them in his paper, is a standing disgrace to Canada and a menace to the well being of our Dominion. What is the meaning of all these quotations I have given when made by a man who has been sworn in as a privy councillor and who holds the most important portfolio in the cabinet? They would be base enough in all conscience if made by some entirely unknown and unimportant person, but when made by one holding such a distinguished position as Mr. Tarte does I say, in my opinion, they come perilously near to what any man in the days gone by has lost his head for. And I believe every loyal man and woman in Canada will agree with me. Let the Liberals of Canada show that their loyalty is not merely lip ser-

vice by insisting on the cabinet being purged of such a man, and I am sure the party will gain in strength by such an action. Do not let me be understood as meaning that French-Canadians as a body are disloyal. Far from it. Both sides of politics have men like Sir Henri Joly, Sir Adolphe Caron, Senator Forget, Mayor Prefontaine, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Casgrain and hundreds of thousands of other French-Canadians who are as loyal to the British crown as any men in Canada or England, but Mr. Tarte is for ever, for political purposes, raising the race and religion cry, and thus pandering to the worst passions of the Quebec population. Is it to be wondered at that in a French-Canadian population of some two millions he can get some following even on such a desperate cry? Writing on this subject brings to mind the grand lines of "Patriot's" poem, "Britons, Guard Your Own," the fifth verse of which runs as follows:

"Vive l'Empereur" may follow by and by;
"God Save the Queen" is here a truer cry;
God save the nation,
The toleration,
And the free speech that makes a Briton known.

And that is the best answer I can give to La Patrie why Canada should "interfere" in South Africa. "Britons, guard your own." Great Britain has been challenged by a country that has refused rights to Britons that they themselves are granted everywhere the Union Jack flies; her territory has been invaded by a foe who has been preparing secretly for years for this combat. Canada being part, the battler colony, of the great British Empire, it is as much to her interest to see the Empire maintained as it is that of England, Scotland or Ireland. Who, I would ask, guards our shores with her ships; who protects our commerce on the high seas, and enables us to lie down at night in peace and security knowing that none dare molest us? It is Great Britain. And what do we pay for all this? Absolutely nothing. Not a dollar do we pay for it. That being the case, I cannot conceive that there is a man in Canada who can be so completely small, so unutterably mean, as to grudge paying a small something to assist the Motherland when she stands in danger, as she does now, of being left in "splendid isolation" to face the whole world. Great Britain spends 45 per cent of her total revenue for Imperial defence, of which all the colonies get equal benefit without being taxed for it. Her taxpayers for naval and military defence pay \$4.13 per head. Canadians are only taxed 36 cents per head. The balance we get free from Great Britain. And yet statistics show that the colonies are growing in both wealth and resources more rapidly than the Mother Country. Now, what action should Canada take? This is a glorious opportunity for the colonies to show the mettle of their men and their devotion to the Motherland. Canada has already sent 1,000 men and will no doubt in the end send another 1,000. You, sir, in the columns of your paper suggest 5,000 being offered, but I go even further than that, for I agree with Mr. Tarte, who the other day said to me, "Let the Canadian government at once offer to the Imperial authorities not 2,000 men, but 10,000, and let Canada pay for them too, if their services are accepted." It is very unlikely that the whole number would be asked for, but if they were I have not the slightest doubt they would be quickly forthcoming. Many at first sight might object to this offer being made owing to the large expenditure it would entail, but what, I ask, would the expenditure be for six million dollars amount to compared to the world-wide effect such an offer would have, and the prestige it would give to Canada in the British Empire? Why if it cost even ten million dollars it wouldn't amount to more than a yearly tax of some five cents per head on our present population. The cost, to my mind, would be utterly trivial compared to the immense advantages gained. And the hardy athletic young men of Canada are just the very men for such warfare as would be carried on at the Cape. As yet, to be sure, they have no arms, and are not "doing for themselves" in the mountains and prairies, they will with a little drill come much nearer to being a match for the Boers than any raw troops that can be sent from the British Isles. It is grand to think that, notwithstanding all our encroaching civilization, the same old and courage are found in the men of the present day as was shown by their forefathers who laid the foundations of the greatest empire the world has ever seen. They have the same loyalty devotion to duty that Sir Richard Grenville had when, after fighting his one little ship, the Revenge, with her hundred fighters on deck and her ninety sick

below" for a day and a night against 33 large Spanish galleons, and being at last desperately wounded and taken prisoner and laid against the mast on one of the "He rose upon their decks, and he cried, 'I have fought for queen and faith like a valiant man and true! I have only done my duty, as a man is bound to do; With a joyful spirit I, Sir Richard Grenville, die! And he fell upon their decks, and he died.' I must apologize for the length of this letter, but it is a theme that draws a man on almost against his will. Let me end it by again quoting "Britons, guard your own."

E. G. PRIOR.
Victoria, Dec. 20, 1899.

Letters to the Editor.

STREET CAR MANNERS.

Sir: In what other part of the world are made bids as polite towards the softer sex as in Victoria? Yesterday, during the intense rainfall, I saw old men and women standing in the aisle and holding on to the straps of a James Bay Avenue school girls' occupation seats. In two cases gentlemen resigned their seats to bread-and-butter misses and left a feeble old man standing. In three cases where gentlemen rose to allow ladies to take their places, no acknowledgment was made by the ladies. This is simply shameful, and I warn the fair sex that the time is fast approaching when Victoria males will decline to make room for them. In London, New York and San Francisco women, if young and strong, stand in the aisles of public conveyances while men remain seated, for which they have paid and occupy by right of priority. A woman who shops all day can surely stand in a street car while her masculine brother, who perhaps is returning from his work, remains seated. The very least she can do is to say "Thank you" when place is made for her.

THE ROAD TO RUIN.

Sir: Mr. Macdonald of North Park street puts some very cogent questions to the manager of the Victoria & Sidney railway, but he neglects to ask Mr. Paterson to state the weight of the rails on the V. & S. I am informed that they are the lightest used on any trunk railway on the continent, and that the track was built on the cheap and hasty principle. Anyone who should pass over the road to Saanich will soon know that it is not suited for the passage of heavy traffic. I feel sure that no transcontinental railway company would allow one of its cars to pass over the track in its present condition, and as for ballast and construction—just test it once, that's all. As for the rails, they are lighter than the street car company lately laid on Port Street. While Ad. Beckwith, the absolute member of the council, is figuring up the cost, he had better include a couple of hundred thousand dollars for heavy rails, ties and reconstruction, and another \$250,000 for damages to property caused by the extension of the line from Hillside avenue to Saanich street. In conversation with an old man who favors the scheme, he remarked that the extension would not cost anything for right-of-way, as the city council would give the use of the streets. Positively, this poor man did not know that a long railway car could not be turned around a street corner as a tram car is turned, but must run diagonally across town lots and over sites now occupied by valuable buildings to reach Saanich street some thing like seven city blocks and city buildings would have to be sacrificed to the folly of Mayor Redfern and his merry men in pressing this outrageous scheme through the council. No man has attempted to estimate the cost of the proposed connection except yourself, Mr. Editor, and I am sure that you are far and away below the mark.

CONSERVATOR.

SONS OF DEVONIANS.

Sir: With reference to J. E. Painter's letter in yesterday's issue of your paper, I quite agree with him that we should form a society for "Sons of the British Empire." In British Columbia we have the sons of the Society of England, and Native Sons, and while many are eligible for both there are many more who are not, and the members of each of these institutions would be eligible for Sons of the British Empire. This, however, does not affect the forming of a society for Sons of Devonshire. The Scotchmen and Yorkshiresmen of the province have each a society and I do not hear anybody complain of their narrow-mindedness, and it is not this which prevents the forming of such societies, but the fact that it brings together those who have many interests in common, and to the members the social advantage of being brought together is incalculable. While an Englishman coming here would not at first obtain much recognition when he was one of those who have known our town, our house, our friends or relatives and I think the narrow-mindedness is on the part of Mr. Painter for taking exception to the action of

A DEVONIAN.

MUNICIPAL POINTERS.

Sir: Has the corporation the authority under the Municipal Act to enter into a speculation by taking stock or shares in a work to be undertaken beyond the limits of the city, or within the limit. If it has the authority, no money should be handed over until the whole capital is subscribed and ten per cent. paid up.

Mr. Paterson should not receive any money for his interest in the Victoria & Sidney railway, but should be paid in stock. Should he receive money, the interest paid by the city for so many years should be first deducted. The safe course for the city would be to hand over a bonus to a responsible company after the undertaking is completed.

The city should look well to its liabilities in the immediate future. Say—
Railway bonus \$500,000
Point Bluff bridge 500,000
Three bridges will have to be constructed soon at \$200,000 each 600,000

Taxation should be equalized so as not to place all on real estate. Heavy taxation will have the effect of increasing rents and of driving people out of the country.

The local improvement charges in addition to the ordinary taxes is as much or more than the owners can stand.

The part of Port Street wooden paved is too flat on the crown—the water lodges on it, which will cause sinking and rot.

The evil consequences of bad road making is evident everywhere. One wise road overseer laid a foundation of sandstone on some of the streets, and

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES.—R. Maynard, 41 Pandora street—All kinds of photographic material for amateurs and professionals; Kodaks, Pecos, Koronas, Primos, etc. Same block Mrs. R. Maynard's Art Studio; also views of British Columbia and Alaska for sale.

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET CO., Ltd., 407 and Yates st., Butchers and Packers; wholesale and retail dealers in fresh, salted and smoked meats, lard, etc., branch, Vancouver.

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Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Friday, December 29, for the purchase of the handsome two-story residence, stable and coach-house, situated on George street, off of Charles street, No. 1111, at present occupied by Mr. A. I. Helica. The house has recently been painted and put in first-class order. The ground, comprise about three-quarters of an acre, having a very fine view. This is altogether a most desirable property and comfortable home.

ALSO
For the purchase of those three two-story dwellings and corner grocery store, being numbers 13, 15, 17, 19 North Road, Spring Ridge (situated between Fernwood and Judge Roads).

Tenders may be for part or the whole property.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further particulars address either
FRED. J. CLAXTON,
55 Fernwood Road.

Or
A. STUART ROBERTSON,
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Executors Estate of the late Andrew Robertson, of Montreal.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the southern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Bay or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said Island, with power to construct branch lines to any city, town or place situated on the coast of the said Island, and as part of the said undertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways of the said Island, and to operate and maintain lines of steamships and car ferries between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any point or points in British Columbia, the State of Washington, United States of America, and the Territory of Alaska, United States of America, to construct and maintain wharves and docks, telegraph and telephone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other rights and privileges as may be necessary to carry out the object of the company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1899.
FRANK HIGGINS,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

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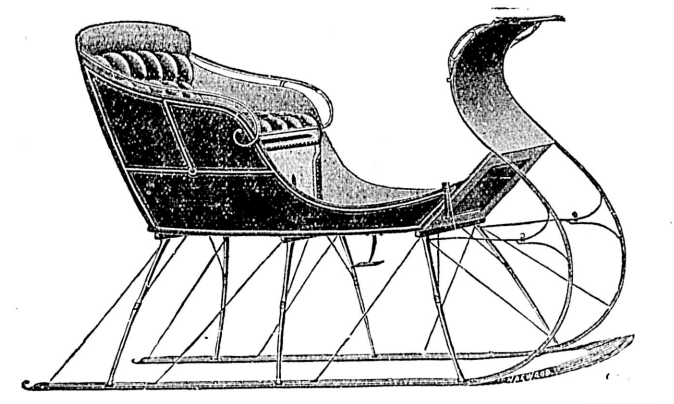
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 22-23 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

A low area has passed eastward over the northern part of Vancouver Island and has caused heavy rains in the sections adjoining the Straits and Sound with high winds along the Coast. An area of high pressure still covers the North Pacific states, and while this pressure continues over the region between North California and Vancouver Island, rainy conditions and moderately warm weather may be expected over the south portion of British Columbia.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	44	53
New Westminster	40	50
Kamloops	30	40
Barkerville	20	30
Calgary	30	40
Whitby	10	20
Portland, Ore.	40	50
San Francisco	48	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Saturday:
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds; continued cloudy with rains.
Lower Mainland—Light winds; continued cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

	Friday, Dec. 22.	Sat., Dec. 23.
5 a.m.	40	49
11 a.m.	51	58
5 p.m.	51	46

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	2 miles west.
Noon	Calm.
5 p.m.	2 miles south.

Average state of weather—Rain.
Rain—1.56 inches.
Barometer at noon—Observed, 30.251
Corrected, 30.263

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:
O. W. Thorpe, Capt. M. Marden,
Mrs. Marden, J. E. Connell,
Miss Dabois, Miss M. Burns,
Chas. Moore, Mrs. J. Riley,
G. H. Hayes, A. Magnuson,
E. E. Galt, J. Coupland,
H. H. McCord, L. A. Wolf,
Mrs. O. L. Steel, F. Solzer,
W. Forman, E. Worman,
T. Phillips, P. O. Cuthbert,
Persa Pearson, S. G. Richter,
E. Brockert, Harry Wilson,
M. Allen, Miss Rostin,
Mrs. Gerson.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:
Miss Gardiner, J. A. McLaren,
W. F. Julien, F. M. Rattenbury,
L. Collier, L. Caldwell,
W. R. Jackson, D. H. Gosdon,
P. Lees, Gideon Hicks,
N. K. Lutton, J. Innes,
H. Logan, E. J. Tennet,
E. Whitaker, C. Keyser,
J. Pugh, Mrs. Provost,
C. Doering, T. Ward,
H. G. Ross, A. Johnston,
Mrs. McLaren, E. Stone,
F. M. Black, Mrs. Campbell,
Thos. Hooper, Mrs. Currie,
Miss Lettice, F. W. Foster,
A. M. Johnson, Miss McDonald,
Mrs. G. Sutherland, J. H. Glass,
Mrs. Vey.

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By steamer Victorian from the Sound:
Wilson Bros. C. B. & Co.,
Braden Bros. C. B. & Co.,
Shelair & Co. Vale & Brooks,
Weller Bros. B. C. Furn. Co.,
D. H. Ross & Co.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:
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C. A. Lombard, J. Percy & Co.,
S. Shore, T. Vigor,
D. Spencer, W. Hewitson,
G. Richardson, E. J. E. Vielt,
A. A. Clayton, J. Johnston,
H. C. Funn, Co. Baby Bros.,
Stevens & J. Speed Bros.,
Hutchinson & Co. Pope Staty, Co.,
Hesterman & Co. Mrs. H. A. Crook,
R. H. Jamieson, Mrs. P. G. Hunter,
Weller Bros. J. W. Ward & Co.,
C. J. Mitchell, E. E. W. & Co.,
H. Clark, Schroeder Bros.,
Pell & Co. Watson & Hall,
M. Hanna, H. S. Farnall,
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A MILKING RECORD.

A noteworthy milking record has been established by the Red Poll cow Crooks, which belonged to the famous Norfolk dairy herd at Whittingham. She gave birth to her third calf on May 11, 1890, since which date she continued uninterruptedly in milk till September 28, 1890, a period of over nine years, her milk yield in the last week of her life being at the rate of 43 1/2 lbs. of nearly 4 1/2 gallons. During the nine years four months that she was continuously in milk she yielded altogether 50,428 lbs., or nearly 23 tons of milk. Over the last five years the average quantity of butter fat in her milk was as high as 4.3 per cent. Her live weight when sent to market, after being on grass feed for the last six months of her life, was 10 cwt., 1 qr. 11 lbs. In the nine years since her first calving she gave something like 45 times her own weight in milk, and her average production during that period was 5,403 lbs. of milk, or considerably over 500 gallons per annum. For a moderate sized cow this is a remarkable performance which has aroused much interest amongst the breeders of Red Polls.—London Times.

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A YEAR AGO.

A year ago the papers were so full of scare lines and cartoons of Epidemic Grip, that the local advertisers protested that people were being frightened away from the stores, threatening the holiday trade. The papers took the hint and the next day it was "Grip under control, Grip subsiding, etc." This year Grip is quite as prevalent but the papers are mum.

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A Lighthouse In Darkness.

Mysterious Failure of Light on Egg Island Will Be Investigated.

Schooner Sadie Turpel Disabled in a Gale—Tug Boat Captains Change.

The officers and crew of the Dominion government steamer Quadra will spend Christmas this year at sea, the vessel's absence from port being necessitated by the need of investigating at once conditions at Egg Island lighthouse, Queen Charlotte Sound, and the vessel left on that mission yesterday morning. Calling at Mary Island on her last Northern trip, Capt. Foote of the steamer Danube was notified that it had been reported to the authorities there on the 13th instant that the light at Egg Island was not showing. The Danube passed the lighthouse on December 17, and was unable to ascertain exactly whether or not the lighthouse was in operation; only observing a faint light, instead of the customary revolving flash-light. The house at Egg Island is in charge of William Brown, who is absolutely alone save for the company of his three-year-old child, and it is conceivable that he may be prostrated by sickness, or even dead, or the lamps may be out of order. It is to ascertain the exact circumstances that the Quadra has gone North. The keeper of the light—a most important one, by the way—draws from the Dominion government the magnificent salary of \$40 per month. Penned up in a desolate corner of the world, without communication with civilization for whole months at a time, the position is a most unenviable one; and as the light is not visited by the government steamer except on rare occasions during the year, the possibility of serious trouble occurring to the island hermits is not a remote one. The Quadra takes up a man who will take charge of the light if it be found that anything is wrong with Keeper Brown.

THE TURPEL IN A GALE.

Sealing Schooner Disabled in a Heavy Blow at Entrance to Straits.

The sealing schooner Sadie Turpel, Capt. A. McDougall, which left for the West Coast on Tuesday morning last for an Indian crew, returned to port yesterday in a rather dilapidated condition. The Turpel had got well down to the mouth of the Straits when early on Wednesday morning the heavy breeze which had accompanied her thus far on her voyage increased to the fury of a gale, the staunch little vessel losing her foremast and main topmast, and springing the main masthead. So fierce was the weather that it was thought best to put about and make for San Juan, which port was reached in a few hours. The tug mystery was sent from Victoria to render assistance, and the Turpel was towed back to the wharf, arriving here early yesterday morning. The disabled schooner will be repaired at once, and leave again for the sealing grounds as soon as possible.

MARINE NOTES.

Quiet on the Water Front—Change in Tugboat Captains.

The water front presented an unusually deserted appearance yesterday, there being none of the local steamboat fleet in port. To-day, however, there will be the usual scenes of activity along the wharves, the Willapa being due from Northern British Columbia ports, the Tees from Alaska, the Maude from Departure Bay, and the Charming and Yosemite from Vancouver and New Westminster respectively.

Capt. Locke, of the tug Lorne, has been transferred to the Czar, being succeeded on the former vessel by Capt. J. Butler. Capt. Christensen, of the Czar, leaves that craft to go to the tug Pilot.

W. A. Ward has chartered the large ocean steamer Needles to carry a cargo of lumber from Vancouver to Port Arthur. The Needles has a carrying capacity of 3,000,000 feet of lumber, and is the largest vessel ever engaged in that business from this Coast.

Heavily laden with freight the steamer Tacoma, of the N. P. line, sails to-day for Oriental ports.

The N. P. steamer City of London is due on Tuesday from Far Eastern ports, having left Yokohama on the 9th instant.

The Glenogle sails for Oriental ports from the Sound on Tuesday next.

The Queen Adelaide, of the N. P. line, which sailed from Yokohama for this port on December 17, is due about the New Year.

The Charmer had an unusually heavy freight list from Vancouver last evening, amongst her cargo being three carloads of naval stores for Esquimalt.

The vessels in the service of the Frank Waterhouse Steamship Company will handle traffic to Cape Nome in the spring.

The steamer City of Topeka has been successfully inspected at Seattle.

DISORDERLY FRENCH DEPUTIES

Paris, Dec. 22.—The discussion of the government's request for a two-months' provisional appropriation in the chamber of deputies this afternoon gave its opponents the opportunity for an attack which they did not neglect. M. Millevoye, ex-Boulangist, M. Mercein and others complained of the government's policy in the conspiracy trial, declaring that the delay involving the budget was due to the senate's time being occupied by the high court sessions.

The Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, retorted that the government had invoked the high court because they thought the time had come to put an end to the insolent challenges of the Nationalists.

M. Lasies, anti-Semite, who frequently interrupted the speaker, here cried: "No. It was not on account of Nationalist iniquity that you invoked the high court, but in order to avenge Drancy, whose acquittal you were unable to secure."

M. Lasies was called to order and the chamber approved the government's attitude by vote.

Free Book On Heat

THE NEW PACIFIC.

An Interesting and Timely Book by Herbert Bancroft.

(First Paper.)

One of the most remarkable books of the year has just been issued by the eminent author of the series of west American histories, which so long filled the mind of the literary world as one of the most erudite and thorough of historical efforts. The closing scenes of the nineteenth century seem to impress themselves upon the author's mind as of more than passing interest. In the war with Spain he sees something more than a transient disagreement between two great political powers; he is to be fought out and dismissed from the mind with the usual tropes to the winner. In the deliverance of Cuba, he sees something more than the rescue from the hand of the oppressor of a weak and downtrodden people. The gravest issues were here at stake, issues as important as any which ever affected human progress or human destiny.

By our forebears liberty was held dear, and rather than part with our freedom of thought, and speech, and action, we would die. But here was involved something more even than liberty, or at least it was a higher, a holier, a purer liberty than any which the mind of man had hitherto encountered. The key note of the American Revolution was indeed liberty, but a material rather than an altruistic liberty, a liberty which indeed made free the body and mind of man, and limited the power of kings; but it was left to us of this fine decade—civilization to conceive, and to practice, a new liberty, a liberty of the mind, a liberty of the soul, a liberty of the spirit, a liberty of the heart, a liberty of the love and kindness for our fellow men which in feeling and sentiment has never before found expression on fields of battle and amidst the roar of naval artillery. It was as if the essence of sacred ideals had been incorporated in the constitutions of the commonwealths, and made part of the fundamental principle of progress.

Human development is not a calm untroubled flow of placid waters, cut a turbulent stream with surging rapids and intricate eddies between the deeper pools of rest and reflection. Issues were brought home to us for quick solution during the year of Ninety-eight, which the great American mind never had occasion before seriously to consider. We were quite sure what we would do if our national honor was touched or our flag insulted, but in our political consciousness we had never eluded out how far it was wise and politic to go, or how far our sympathies and sense of right should permit us to go, in a matter of purely international sentiment. But without thinking too long or too deeply on the subject, we finally gave way to a natural impulse, to find in the end that we were not altogether wrong.

In weaving a fitting fabric of the times, Mr. Bancroft has taken for his theme the very subtle and attractive one, the Pacific Ocean, and the late industrial development upon its shores and islands. Here is the largest of seas, full of history and romance, and abounding with untold wealth and potentialities. Its great magnitude, and its peculiar position between the old and the new, the old, alien countries and civilization of the East, and the new intellectual and material unfoldings of the West, have made it a subject of the highest importance. But the days of racial isolation are past; the days of national exclusiveness are over; it has become the recognized duty of every member of the world's fraternity of commonwealths to contribute its share of resources to the common good. Exclusiveness has become an international crime; every part of the world owes something to every other part. The principal is no longer confined within limits which find expression only in nursery rhymes, as "Asiatic trade, no one come, no one go, no one else I'll beat you as black as a coal," but has become a recognized law of nations. If not in theory at least in practice.

This great ocean is at last emerging from its primeval mists. In the evolution of things both great and small, the all-fructifying sun has smiled upon these waters, and behold in them new life and a new destiny! The American and Australian shores of the Pacific, so far at least as the Anglo-Saxon race is concerned, are certain to become the seat of a higher culture than the world has ever witnessed. The future of the Latin race, with its New World intermixtures, it is more difficult to forecast. It seems to be making little or no advance, either in the Old World or in the New.

Mr. Bancroft's new volume opens with a comparison of the present with the past. He points to lines of steamships and fleets of sail where a solitary ship at long intervals formerly appeared. He calls attention to the railway and telegraph lines, the birth and growth of towns and cities, the overspreading of settlements in regions not long since wholly unknown to the white man. Thus have sprung up as if by magic in these so lately savage winds, on the American side, Vancouver, and other towns of British Columbia and Alaska, and on the Asiatic side, such places as Vladivostok, Russia's Pacific metropolis and trans-Siberian railway terminus, and which is at once the Petersburg, Gibraltar, and Odessa of the Far East. Besides the ports opened to commerce all along the Asiatic coast, places have grown into prominence like Hongkong, England's peerless city and colony, and in Australia, in place of the huts of the black bushmen, there are cities like Melbourne and Sydney, with their hundreds of thousands of population.

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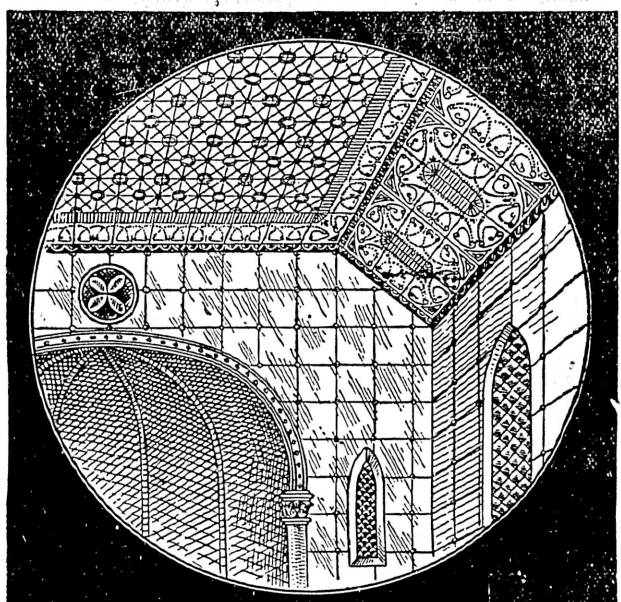
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